

# Northside Green Zone Task Force Agenda

Regular Meeting

March 10, 2020 - 05:30 PM

North Commons Recreation Center

**Members :** Michael Chaney, Joanne Goddard, Juli Leerssen, Linnae Nelsen-Seys, Roxxanne O'Brien, Liz Reiser, Anita Urvina Davis, and Vanessa Willis (Quorum - 10)

**Guests:** Shaundelle Darris, Dominique Diaddigo-Cash, Ann Fix, Michelle Shaw, Kellie Kish, Marita Bujold, LesLee Jackson, Jamez Staples, Giorgianna Yantes

**Staff :** Kelly Muellman, Olayemi Fadahunsi

## Call To Order

1. Vanessa Willis called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves. The icebreaker question was "what temperature are you?"
2. Task Force members agreed to add announcements after introductions and discussion of a letter of support for the 1200 Plymouth Ave Workforce Training Center. There was no quorum to adopt the agenda or [minutes from Feb 11, 2020](#).

## Announcements

3. Shaundelle Darris, Lead and Asthma: Community Dinner on March 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 4pm. There will be giveaways, and gift baskets as well as resources for lead and asthma. This event is to introduce the people behind the work on Lead and Asthma.
4. Kelly Kish, City of Minneapolis Recycling and Waste: Bring your own bag ordinance has been effective since January 1<sup>st</sup> but will be fully enforced June 1<sup>st</sup>. If any businesses aren't charging 5 cents be sure to make them aware of the ordinance. There have also been discussions on having a 'take a bag - leave a bag' initiative in more retail outlets.
5. Michelle Shaw, Boulevard Gardens: There will be two pilot boulevard gardens launched, one at Chicago Ave near Our Saviors Lutheran Church and one in Holland neighborhood at 22<sup>nd</sup> and Quincy NE near Edison High School. They are looking for culturally relevant plants to grow. Specifically fruits and vegetables. If anyone is interested in being part of the pilot program contact Michelle Shaw at [MississippiRiversOurRelative@gmail.com](mailto:MississippiRiversOurRelative@gmail.com).

## Discussion

6. Funding Request for Plant-Based Businesses continuation: Michelle Shaw shared a budget outline for one, two or three community cooks events (classes) in partnership with Appetite For Change. VegFund and Compassionate Action for Animals both have funding and resources for events. Each event would serve up to 25 people per class. Location would be coordinated with Appetite for Change - Breaking Bread or a church. No action was taken because Princess (Task Force member) was not in attendance to officially bring forward the request and there was no quorum.
7. Funding Request for Family Tree project. Michael Chaney brought a budget for \$4,000 to build gravel bed nurseries to grow trees for planting in North Minneapolis. Currently there are 40 organizations partnered to work on this initiative. A few corporate partners like Menards and Home Depot have been reached out to. They have secured funding from corporate partners too. The plan is to have everything in order to have a tree planting event on Earth Day in April. He

plans to apply for the Bush Innovation Grant to continue to support this work. Due to the time sensitive nature of this project, a vote will be done via email.

8. Review final edits to Work Plan. There were a few minor edits and corrections for the Work Plan and a request to add a new recommendation in the Community Healing and Violence Prevention section: Work with the City Council, Mayor and Chief of Police to change Minneapolis Police Department practices on stops and searches based on smell of marijuana which disproportionately target Black residents and residents of color. Kelly will make some additional edits to the workplan, then there will be an online vote to reach quorum. The eight Task Force members in attendance voted to approve the Work Plan with pending edits.
9. Letter in support of 1200 Plymouth Ave Workforce Training Center. Some additional modifications were needed for the letter of support. Once those are made the letter will be sent to the Task Force for an online vote.

### **Adjournment**

**Next Northside Green Zone Task Force meeting Date:** Apr 7, 2020

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